

Essentials for Further Advancement II

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True Nature Revealed

Steadfastly cultivate Dafa, the will unflinching
The raising of levels is what's fundamental
In the face of tests one's true nature is revealed
Achieve Consummation, becoming a Buddha, Dao, or God

Li Hongzhi
May 8, 1999

Some Thoughts of Mine

Recently it was reported in the news that Mainland China seeks my extradition back to China in exchange for a reduction of USD\$500 million worth of their trade surplus [with the U.S.]. I would like to say a few words about this. I only teach people to be good. At the same time, I unconditionally help people get rid of their diseases and health problems, and I enable them to reach higher realms of mind. I don't charge any money or ask for material things as reward. All of this has had a positive impact on the society and its people, and it has, on a large scale, turned people's hearts towards goodness and made their moral level high. I wonder if that is why they seek to extradite me. Do they want me to return to China so that more people can obtain the Fa and cultivate their hearts? If that's the case, please don't let the country lose USD\$500 million to strike a deal—I can go back myself.

I have heard, however, that normally people who are extradited are war criminals, public enemies, or criminal offenders. If so, I wonder which of the above categories I would fit into.

In fact, I keep teaching people to conduct themselves with Truthfulness, Benevolence, and Forbearance as their guiding principles. So naturally, I have also been setting an example. When Falun Gong disciples and I have been criticized for no reason and treated unfairly, we have always displayed breadth of mind with great benevolence and great forbearance, and have silently endured everything in order to give the government sufficient time to find out what we are about. But this forbearance is absolutely not because the students of Falun Gong and I fear anything. You should know that once a person learns the truth and the real meaning of life, he will not regret giving up his life for it. Don't mistake our mercy or our great tolerance as fear and thereby intensify your reckless actions. These are actually people who have awakened, they are cultivators who have learned the true meaning of life. And don't label Falun Gong cultivators as engaging in "superstition," either. There are so many things that human beings and science have yet to understand. Don't religions also exist because of a belief in higher beings? Actually, the true religions and ancient beliefs in Gods, which have made it possible for the morality of human society to endure for several thousand years, are what has allowed for the existence of today's mankind—which includes you, me, the next person, and so on. If it weren't for these, mankind would have committed sins long ago that led to catastrophes, people's ancestral lines probably would have died out long ago, and there wouldn't be what there is today. The truth is, morality is extremely important for mankind. If man does not value virtue, he is capable of doing all kinds of bad things, which is terribly dangerous for mankind. This much I can tell people. Actually, my intention isn't to do something for society, and by no means do I want to get involved in ordinary human affairs, much less do I desire someone's political power. Not everyone considers power that important. Don't people have a saying, "Everybody aspires to something different"? I merely wish to let those who can do cultivation obtain the Fa, and to teach them how to truly improve their *xinxing*, that is, to improve their moral standard. Besides, not everyone will come to learn Falun Gong, and furthermore, what I'm doing is bound to have no connection with politics. Regardless, cultivators whose hearts have turned toward goodness and whose morals have improved are good for any country or nationality. How could something that helps people to get well and stay healthy, and that raises people's moral level, be labeled an "evil religion"? Every Falun Gong practitioner is a member of society, and each has his own job or

career. It's only that they go to the park to do Falun Gong exercises for half an hour or an hour every morning, and then they go to work. We don't have various provisions that people have to follow, as religions do, nor do we have any temples, churches, or religious rituals. People can come to learn or leave as they please, and we have no membership rosters. How is it a religion? As to "evil," could teaching people to be good, not charging people money, and doing things to heal people and help them stay healthy be categorized as "evil"? Or, is something "evil" simply because it's outside the scope of the Communist Party's theories? Besides, I know that evil religion is evil religion, and it's not something a government determines. Should an evil religion be labeled "upright" if it's in keeping with the notions of certain people in the government? And should an upright one be labeled "evil" if it doesn't conform to their personal notions?

Actually, I know perfectly well why some people are bent on opposing Falun Gong. Just as reported by the media, there are too many people practicing Falun Gong. One hundred million people is indeed no small number. Yet why should having a large number of good people be feared? Isn't it true that the more good people there are, the better, and that the fewer the bad people, the better? I, Li Hongzhi, unconditionally help cultivators improve their morals and gain health, which brings about social stability and allows people to better serve the society with their able bodies. Isn't this benefiting the people in power? These things have, in fact, truly been achieved. Why is it that instead of thanking me, they want to set as many as 100 million people against the government? What government could be so unfathomable? Furthermore, who among these 100 million people doesn't have family, children, relatives, and friends? Is it a question of only 100 million people? So the number of people they are going against might be even more. What on earth has happened to "the leaders of my beloved land"? If with my, Li Hongzhi's, life I can dispel their fears of these good people, I will immediately go back and let them do what they will. Why "risk universal condemnation," waste manpower and capital, and use politics and money to pursue a deal that violates human rights? The United States, on the other hand, has been a leader in respecting human rights. So would the U.S. government betray human rights to make such a deal? Besides, I'm a U.S. permanent resident, a permanent resident who lives under the jurisdiction of U.S. law.

I don't mean to point fingers at anyone in particular. It's just that what they are doing makes too little sense to me. Why forgo a good opportunity to win public opinion, and instead set some 100 million people against the government?

It's said that many people went to Zhongnanhai,¹ and that certain people were shocked and furious about it. In fact, the number of people who went wasn't large at all. Think about it: there are 100 million people practicing Falun Gong, and only ten thousand plus went—could you say that's a lot? There was no need to mobilize people: with 100 million some people, if one person wanted to go and so did the next, in no time there would be over ten thousand people. They had no slogans or banners, they didn't act out of line, and much less were they against the government. They merely wanted to report our situation to the government. What's wrong with doing that? Let me ask this: would any "protestors" behave as well as this? Aren't you moved even one bit when you see this? Yet you insist on trying to

¹ Zhongnanhai (jong-nahn-high)—the Chinese leadership compound, located in Beijing; it is located next to the Appeals Office of the State Council. This reference is about the April 25, 1999 appeal.

* Note: This and all other footnotes have been inserted by the translator and are not part of the original text.

find some fault with Falun Gong. But the approach of trying to eradicate Falun Gong while disregarding all of its merits is really backward. Falun Gong isn't terrible, like certain people have imagined. Rather, it brings numerous benefits and doesn't do harm to any society. Losing the favor of the people, meanwhile, is what's most frightening. To be honest, the students of Falun Gong are also human beings who are in the process of cultivating themselves, and they still have human minds. In this situation where they are being treated unjustly, I'm not sure how much longer they can forbear it, and this is what I am most concerned about.

Li Hongzhi

June 2, 1999

Position

The trials that a cultivator goes through are something an everyday person could not endure. That is why throughout history so few people have been able to succeed in cultivation and reach Consummation. Human beings are just human beings. At critical moments it is hard for them to let go of their human notions, but they always try to find excuses to convince themselves. A magnificent cultivator, on the other hand, is able to let go of his Self and even all of his ordinary human thoughts amidst crucial trials. I congratulate the Dafa cultivators who can come through the Consummation-determining tests. The eternity in which your beings never perish and even your future levels are established by you, yourselves; mighty virtue comes from your own cultivation. Be diligent! This is most magnificent, and the greatest privilege.

Li Hongzhi

June 13, 1999

Stability

The things that have transpired in recent times have already done serious harm to the many Falun Dafa students. At the same time, they have also tarnished the nation's image severely. With regard to the information the students have on how the relevant regions or the relevant departments have directly or covertly interfered with and disrupted Falun Gong students' practicing, and with regard to the situation in which some people used their power to stir up a Falun Gong "incident," to put a broad segment of the people and government in opposition to one another, and to thereby gain politically, the students can report these cases through the normal channels to different levels of the government or to the country's leaders.

But we are cultivators. Don't get involved in politics and don't let the events that occurred a little while ago disrupt you. Calm your minds, resume your normal practice and Fa-study, be diligent and cultivate solidly, and continually improve yourselves.

Li Hongzhi

June 13, 1999

Inscription for the Russian Version of *Falun Dafa*

Cherish it!

The vows of Gods are being fulfilled;

Cherish it!

This is what you have been searching for;

Cherish it!

The Fa is right in front of you.

Li Hongzhi

July 10, 1999

Further Comments on Superstition

“Superstition” (*mi xin*) was a rather ordinary term before certain people in China who play politics hyped it into a term with deadly power. Actually, the “superstition” propagated by those politicians is not superstition, but a political label, a political slogan; it is a political term used specifically when attacking others. Once something is slapped with this big label it becomes antithetical to science, and can thus be brazenly attacked.

The fact is, those who have gone through all kinds of political campaigns are very discerning. They used to believe in something, they have experienced disappointment, they have blindly admired something or someone, and from their experiences they have learned their lesson. During the Cultural Revolution, notably, they experienced an unforgettable blow to their souls. Could you possibly get people like this to just rashly believe in anything? People today are more capable than ever of discerning whether something is the truth or some so-called “superstition,” as cooked up by people who play politics.

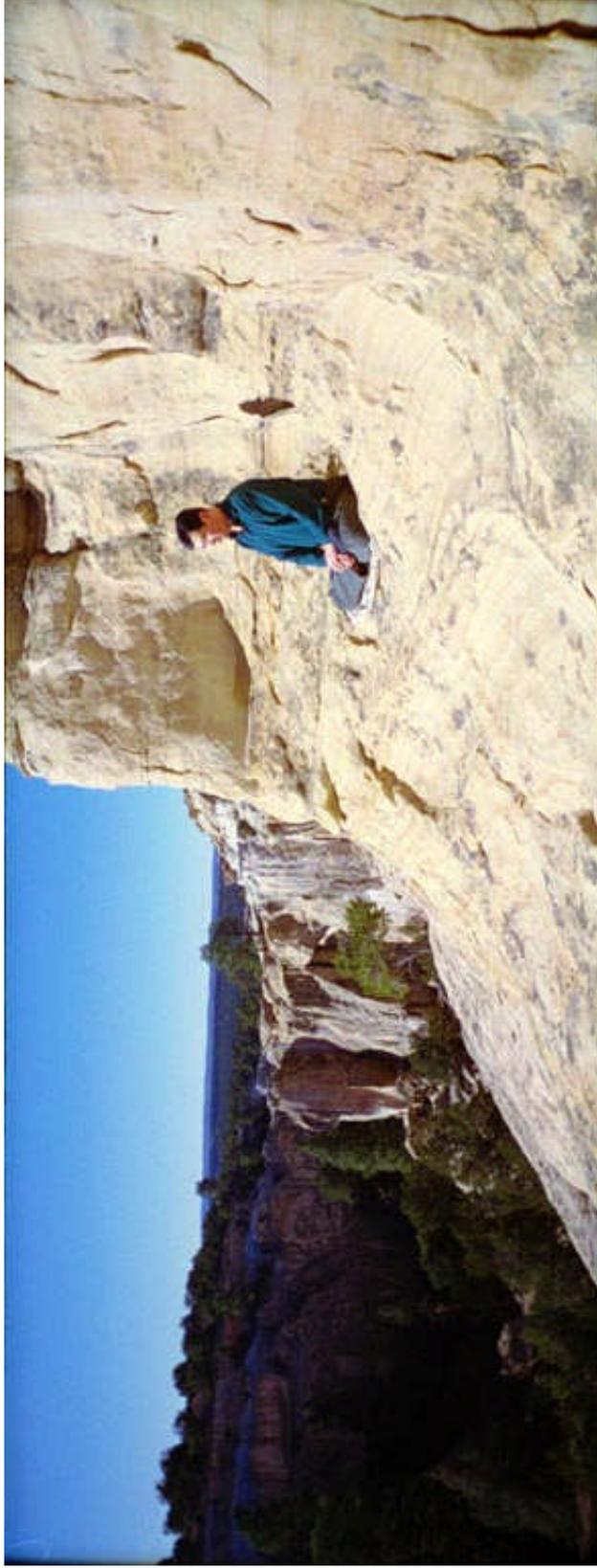
Whether something is science or superstition isn't to be decided by politicians. Instead, it should be appraised by scientists. Yet those so-called “scientists” who are used for political purposes are actually political figures, too. It's impossible for such people to draw fair and scientific conclusions from a truly scientific and neutral standpoint. So, fundamentally, they cannot be considered scientists. At most they can merely act as a club that's held in the hands of politicians and used to strike at people.

The understanding of the Truth of the cosmos by students of Dafa cultivation is an elevation that results from rational understanding and experience. It's futile for human beings to refute—regardless of what their stance is—the Fa-principles of the cosmos, which transcend all theories in the human society. At a time when the morality of human society is on the verge of total collapse, in particular, it is the great cosmos that has once again shown mercy to human beings and given them this final chance. This is mankind's hope, which it should treasure and cherish immensely. Out of selfish wants, however, humans are undermining this last hope the cosmos has given mankind, infuriating Heaven and Earth. Ignorant people even call the many disasters “natural phenomena.” The cosmos does not exist for mankind. Humans are merely a manifestation of the existence of the lowest-level beings. If humankind no longer meets the standard of existence at this level of the universe, then it can only be weeded out by the cosmos's history.

Mankind! Awaken! The vows of Gods in history are being fulfilled. The Dafa is judging all beings. What path a person takes in life is his own choosing. One thought a person has might determine his future.

Treasure and cherish it: the cosmos's Fa-principles are right in front of you.

Li Hongzhi
July 13, 1999



Master Li quietly watching the world from amidst the mountains after leaving New York following July 20th, 1999. (Photo published on January 19, 2000)

The Knowing Heart

With Teacher guiding the voyage, the Fa saves all beings,
One sail is hoisted, one hundred million sails follow.
With attachments left behind, the lightened boats sail swiftly,
With a preoccupied human heart, crossing the ocean proves arduous.
The wind and clouds suddenly change, and the heavens seem to crumble,
The mountains shake, the seas churn, and the ferocious waves billow.
Follow Teacher closely, steadfastly cultivating Dafa,
With attachments too strong, bearings are lost.
Some flee for their lives, deserting capsized boats and torn sails,
As the mud and sand are completely sifted, gold shines forth.
Grand talk counts for naught when it comes to life and death,
Actions reveal what is true.
When the day of Consummation arrives,
The great disclosure of the truth will leave the world in amazement.

Li Hongzhi
October 12, 1999

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Towards Consummation

Studying the Fa with attachments is not true cultivation. Yet during the course of cultivation a person may gradually become aware of his fundamental attachments, rid himself of them, and thus meet the standard for a cultivator. What's a fundamental attachment, then? Human beings acquire many notions in this world and are, as a consequence, driven by these notions to pursue what they yearn for. But when a person comes to this world, it is karmic arrangements that determine his course of life and what will be gained and lost in it. How could a person's notions determine each stage of his life? So those so-called "beautiful dreams and wishes" become pursuits that can never be realized, despite painful attachments.

Dafa has boundless inner meaning and has created everything at each level of the cosmos, including, of course, everything of humankind. So with the exception of those wretched humans who have been used by sinister, old, evil forces—which are themselves being eradicated—to persecute the Fa, people are able to see in the Fa things they consider good. Some truly see the Fa-principles of Dafa; while many other students have found with their human notions various yearnings and wishes in Dafa, and, compelled by these human attachments, they have come to practice cultivation in Dafa.

Some people think that Dafa is in keeping with their own understanding of science; some people think that it agrees with their own code of conduct; some people think that it speaks to their own dissatisfaction with politics; some people think that Dafa can salvage humankind's degenerate morals; some people think that Dafa can cure their illnesses; some people think that Dafa and Master are righteous, and so on and so forth. It isn't wrong for human beings in this world to yearn with these attachments for beautiful dreams and wishes. But a cultivator definitely shouldn't be that way. You may start on the path of Dafa with those thoughts, yet over the course of cultivation you need to regard yourself as a cultivator. During the course of cultivation, however, through reading the books, studying the Fa, and diligently making progress, you should clearly recognize what your thoughts were when you first came to Dafa. After cultivating for a period of time, are your thoughts still the same? Are you continuing on the path because of those human attachments? If so, you cannot be counted as my disciple. It means that you haven't gotten rid of your fundamental attachments and that you are unable to understand the Fa from the Fa. Those who have been weeded out during the evil tests that Dafa has encountered in China are all people who have not gotten rid of those attachments. At the same time, they have had a negative effect on Dafa.

Despite this, and the situation in which a large number of disciples who are true cultivators are suffering severe hardships, the time of conclusion has been repeatedly postponed so as to wait for those people to recognize their own fundamental attachments. This is because many among them are predestined and have the potential to reach Consummation.

Do you know that one of the biggest excuses the old evil forces use at present to persecute Dafa is that your fundamental attachments remain concealed? So in order to identify those people, the tribulations have been made more severe. If you're attached to Dafa's consistency with humans' science, they manipulate wicked human beings to spread lies that Dafa is "superstitious"; if you're attached to Dafa's power to heal illness, they manipulate wicked human beings to spread lies that Dafa forbids people to take medicine and that this has led to 1,400 deaths; even if you say that Dafa isn't involved in politics, they have wicked human beings spread lies that Dafa and Li Hongzhi have foreign political forces behind them,

and so forth; if you say that Dafa collects no fees, they say that Master has sought to accumulate wealth through dishonest means. Whatever you're attached to, they have evil ones concoct lies about that. Even if you're afraid that Dafa is being damaged, they fabricate articles allegedly written by Master. Think about it: the enormous test at present is exactly to see how Dafa fares and how students conduct themselves in Master's absence. How could Master speak out? How could I again tell you what to do? Additionally, they manipulate wicked human beings to examine Dafa and its disciples, putting them through a comprehensive and destructive test that targets all human thoughts and attachments. Had you truly been able to get rid of those fundamental human attachments in your cultivation, this last tribulation would not have been so vicious.

Even now some people still can't concentrate when it comes to reading the books. Those of you who do work for Dafa, especially, shouldn't use any pretexts to conceal your not reading the books or studying the Fa. Even if you do work for me, your Master, you still need to study the Fa every day with a calm mind and cultivate yourself solidly. When your mind wanders all over the place as you read, the countless Buddhas, Daos, and Gods in the book see your laughable and pitiable mind, and see the karma in your thoughts controlling you, which is detestable. And yet you cling to delusion and fail to wake up. Some volunteers go long periods of time without reading or studying the Fa. How could they do Dafa work well? You have unwittingly incurred many losses that are hard to recover. Past lessons should have made you more mature. The only way to prevent the old, evil forces from taking advantage of the gaps in your mind is to make good use of your time to study the Fa.

What's unfolding at present was arranged long ago in history. Those disciples who have stepped forward to validate the Fa in the face of pressure are magnificent. When I questioned the last group of high-level beings who are about to be weeded out why they have been concocting lies about me and Dafa, they replied: "There's no other way. The path you have taken is so righteous. How else could Dafa and your disciples be tested?" Those who damage Dafa are only a handful of evil forces. All they are doing is using those evil beings who they, too, think should be eliminated. The immeasurable and countless Buddhas, Daos, and Gods in the cosmos and the beings in even larger cosmic bodies are all watching everything on this tiny speck of dust in the cosmos. Dafa has already consummated everything in the cosmos. The mighty virtue is magnificent and everlasting. Those disciples who have come through the comprehensive and most rigorous tests have laid a rock-solid foundation for Dafa in this world, have displayed in the human world the true manifestation of Dafa, and at the same time have consummated their own most magnificent positions. The evil will soon be completely eliminated, the vile ones in the human world will receive due retribution, and sins can no longer be allowed. Disciples are waiting to reach Consummation, and I can wait no more. Everyone's behavior, good or bad, fully reflects the outcome he will obtain. Sentient beings, your future positions are chosen by you, yourselves.

Li Hongzhi

June 16, 2000

To the Taiwan Fa Conference

First, I would like to extend my greetings to all Taiwan Dafa students—hello everyone!

I would also like to wish your Fa conference complete success!

I hope that through this Fa conference you will be able to find where you fall short and become more diligent, and that you will make this Fa conference a sacred one in which you compare how you have studied and cultivated, and show the righteous Fa to the people of the world.

Li Hongzhi

June 25, 2000

In Reference to a Prophecy

Disciples: What is currently unfolding in China was previously arranged in history, and many people throughout history prophesied this. They chose not to articulate the matter directly so as to both conform to the deluded way the world is and to warn its people. Therefore, everyday people are only able to realize the meaning of a prophecy after history has come to pass.

For example, with regard to what is happening in China, Nostradamus, the Frenchman, stated the following in his book of prophecy, *Centuries*, hundreds of years ago:

In the year 1999, seventh month,
From the sky will come a great King of Terror,
In order to bring back to life the great king of Angolmois,
Before and after Mars reigns in the name of bringing people happiness.²

What he said about “the year 1999, seventh month, From the sky will come a... Terror, In order to bring back to life the... king...” refers precisely to a few people with ulterior motives in the Central Committee of the CCP using their power to initiate a comprehensive, vicious suppression of Dafa and Dafa disciples. They have arrested people, beaten people, sent people to labor camps, sentenced people to jail, and destroyed the books; they have used the army, the police, secret agents, and diplomatic means; and they have used all radio stations, television stations, and the press to spread lies and carry out the persecution in a villainous fashion. Its overwhelming magnitude seems to threaten to bring down the heavens, while their evilness has spread throughout the entire world. With degenerate notions, the old forces arranged this for the purpose of “examining” Dafa in a destructive manner. The process of Master’s Fa-rectification among humans is, as Gods see it, just like a process of resurrection.

As to the sentence “before and after Mars reigns,” it means to say that [Karl] Marx is ruling the world before and after the year 1999. Actually, not only those societies ruled by the vile communist party are now practicing Marxism. The social welfare system and its kin adopted by the developed countries of the world are also wicked communist things within capitalism. Those appear to be free societies, yet it seems that the whole world is in fact practicing communism. People who come to the developed countries in the West from countries ruled by the evil communists share one impression: “It feels like communism here, except they don’t advocate violent revolution.”

With regard to the last part, “in the name of bringing people happiness,” this refers to the vile communist party’s idea of liberating all of humankind, as well as to Western society’s sustaining social welfare through heavy taxation.

Since this matter is still in the process of being concluded, I am only deciphering these several sentences. As a matter of fact, prophecies concerning this time period have circulated in many countries. The few remarks above are only for reference.

Li Hongzhi

June 28, 2000

²From century X, quatrain 72 in Nostradamus’s writings.

Using at Will

I have never liked grammar and words standardized by the modern Chinese language, which have their meanings shallowed. This is why I often don't use standardized grammar and words when I teach the Fa! Some people do not understand this. The truth is, words whose meanings have been altered by modern people already have modern people's notions infused into them. Words that contain elements of atheism and politics, in particular, are impossible to use when teaching the Fa. To allow students to understand, I am doing what I can to use the grammar and words of the modern Chinese language.

How could the Fa of the cosmos be standardized by human culture? As long as I can explain the principles of the Fa clearly, I undo the binds of human culture, break those rules and constraints, and use the language at will. In order to express the Dafa clearly, I employ language as I wish. For example, sometimes my sentences are very long, and I repeat words to emphasize and deepen the meaning of the sentences. Even so, it is very difficult to use human language to express the high-level, profound principles of the Fa. As far as words go, I basically use them at will. For example, I often write "degree" (程度) as "degree of achievement" (成度), as I feel that this word should be used to express the extent to which something is accomplished. I like to write "truth of the matter" (真相) as "true situation" (真象), as I feel that this word should be used to express the way things truly are; I like to write "absolute" (绝) as "resolute" (决), as I feel that this word has more weight; I use "immense" (洪) instead of "vast" (弘), as it is more appropriate for describing the Great Fa of the cosmos, and so on and so forth. I also don't like to standardize sentences by using simple punctuation marks. When I write, I often use commas straight to the end. I only care about the inner meaning of the Fa, and when it comes to humans' standardization, I have no sense of obligation. Human culture is given to humans by Gods, but the modern Chinese language has been altered by modern humans' warped thinking, with its denunciation of theism and with its political concepts. The Fa will bring to humankind everything new and righteous, and it will not be affected by anything that is old, crooked, or warped. I graduated from high school, and the purpose of my not going to college was to prevent all kinds of concepts, theorems, definitions, scientific laws, human theories, and various standardized things from forming in my mind. These human things absolutely cannot be mixed into the Great Fa of the cosmos when it is taught, as this would cause the Fa to be interfered with by human notions.

Dafa is the Fa of the cosmos, and Dafa has created all beings in the cosmos. Dafa has established living environments and standards for the beings at different levels of the cosmos, and it has created for the beings at different levels different forms of wisdom, including the culture of humankind. The purpose of spreading Dafa far and wide is to rectify the Fa in the cosmos, and, at the same time, to have Dafa's disciples in the human world reach Consummation. Dafa is also creating a new humankind, and will likewise bring to humankind a new culture.

Li Hongzhi

June 28, 2000

Drive Out Interference

Disciples: The Dafa I have taught you is the only thing that can ensure your reaching Consummation through improving yourselves in cultivation. If someone, being unable to break his ordinary human attachments, brings to himself evil beings that assume my image and tell him what to do according to his attachments, so as to do damage to the Fa, this person is in extreme peril. If he doesn't awaken, he will become a fiend that damages the Fa.

My Law Bodies (*fashen*) are the embodiment of my mind's wisdom and my energy, and their thinking is absolutely no different from mine. I didn't say a word when Dafa and its students encountered the persecutory, evil test. It's just like your taking a university entrance exam: at the time of the exam, could the teacher tell you again, right on the spot, how to answer the questions? Then, if I didn't speak in the midst of this test, why would I use the form of my Law Bodies to directly tell you what to do?

Recently, a wretch in Hong Kong who lost her senses has been severely interfering with Dafa by saying absurd things, having bred demons in her mind, about how a Law Body of mine was telling her what to do. She even caused damage by using a telephone call I made to her, and has been constantly doing bad things. No matter what absurd things she says in the name of the alleged Law Body, I have no such students. If there are people who are willing to follow her to bring disorder to the Fa, they can go with her—what I want are disciples who practice cultivation in an upright and noble manner, magnificent Gods who are unshakable and solid, like diamond.

Disciples: You have to be clearheaded at this solemn present moment. It was I who taught the Fa to you. My Law Bodies are only the image of my thoughts, while I am the principal being. Could someone who doesn't even recognize me [as Master] still be a Dafa disciple? In addition, there are students who shouldn't have developed complacency just because they think they have done Fa-rectification things for Dafa. At present, all those who are irrational and talk senselessly are in peril—this is fatal for them. More importantly, all of you should ignore what that saboteur in Hong Kong has instigated and not give her an audience. It's not that Master is not merciful: in the several years of your cultivation, I have not only borne an incredibly great deal for you, but also, along with this, constantly given you hints for your improvement, looked after you for your safety, and settled the debts that you owed at different levels so that you can reach Consummation—these aren't things that just anyone can do, and neither can they be done for everyday people. It's just that these people are too irrational and don't know to treasure Dafa and the opportunity to practice cultivation.

When I taught the Fa I told you before about all the problems that might occur during this malicious and destructive examination. It is indeed difficult for those who haven't truly done cultivation to come through this. Now you can see why I've often told you to read the book more, right?! The Fa can break all attachments, the Fa can destroy all evil, the Fa can shatter all lies, and the Fa can strengthen righteous thoughts.

Those irrational wretches are now under the manipulation of secret agents. As for the ones whose attachments have led them to go along with those people, even if they are able to awaken, it will be very difficult for them to have any further opportunity to practice cultivation. Dafa is solemn, and cultivation practice is a serious matter. A person—no matter who he is—must himself pay for all of the bad things he has done in the world. I do not want to see a single student fall, but I definitely don't want unqualified disciples, either.

Li Hongzhi
July 5, 2000

An Announcement

All Dafa Associations:

It is definitely not wrong to explain the facts of our situation to the Chinese government in a peaceful manner. As cultivators, however, we should absolutely not adopt any over-zealous approach or speech. Over the past year, you have clarified the truth and appealed to the people of the world and governments with goodwill, and you have done this in a righteous manner.

I am happy for the disciples (magnificent beings) who have been forged by Dafa cultivation. I also hope that in the future while clarifying the truth and making appeals to the government they will not in any way neglect the importance of studying the Fa, because all of them need to progress towards Consummation. I am paying close attention to everything the students are doing and the state of their cultivation. I hope that all of you handle things even better.

Li Hongzhi

July 20, 2000

Rationality

Amidst tribulations, it is very difficult for a student to see the cause of a matter; but it's not that it is impossible. When he calms his mind and evaluates things with Dafa, he will be able to see the nature of the matter. Some students suggest that the best practice of cultivation is to get placed into a detention center or a labor camp, or get sentenced to jail in order to validate the Fa. Students, it is not so. Stepping forward to validate the Fa using many different approaches is a magnificent act, but this absolutely does not mean that you have to be arrested by the evil. If that were the case, why would those students who step forward to make appeals demand the release of all those innocent students who have been arrested, detained, sent to labor camps, or sentenced to jail? Getting arrested is not the purpose. Validating Dafa is what's truly magnificent, and it is to validate Dafa that you step forward. Since you step forward, you should try to succeed in validating the Fa—this is the real purpose of stepping forward. When the evil ones ask whether you practice Falun Gong, you may ignore them or use other ways to deflect their questions. Don't voluntarily let the evil take you away.

At present, there are still some students who claim that my Law Bodies have told them what to do, and so they go to extremes. I have said on many occasions that only fake Law Bodies directly tell students what to do. Furthermore, fake Law Bodies only appear when a student is strongly attached to something. It's because the purpose of the old forces is to cause damage. When a student has a strong attachment his conduct is, strictly speaking, fundamentally a manifestation of his demon-nature and something brought about by emotion; it is not rational. The evil is then able to appear. From now on, beware, those who claim that my Law Bodies have directly told them what to do are in fact all referring to fake Law Bodies.

Your current performance as Dafa disciples is magnificent. All of this is your goodness (*shan*) made manifest, and it is what evil fears most, as those who attack goodness are bound to be evil. The actions they are now adopting in the persecution of Dafa and its students are extremely evil and shameful, and they fear these will be exposed. You must let the world's people know about their evilness—this is saving people, as well. While eliminating the evil, you consummate yourselves and strengthen the Fa's manifestation in the world. Did you know that everything you are currently doing has already established the most magnificent and eternal mighty virtue for Dafa and Dafa cultivators? When this page of history is turned, the people who remain will see your magnificence, and the future Gods will forever remember this magnificent time in history. Validate the Fa with rationality, clarify the truth³ with wisdom, spread the Fa and save people with mercy—this is establishing the mighty virtue of an Enlightened Being.

Li Hongzhi

August 9, 2000

³ The Chinese term translated here as “truth,” *zhen xiang*, refers to the “truth of the matter” or the “truth or facts of the situation,” as opposed to “truth” in an abstract or philosophical sense.

Eliminate Your Last Attachment(s)

Dafa and Dafa students have experienced the most evil, most malicious, destructive trial—something never seen before in history. Dafa and its students, who have truly been performing as the most magnificent cultivators of a righteous cultivation way, have come through the trial. In the human world, all individuals, organizations, and groups do things in human society in order to achieve something in this world. Dafa disciples, however, are getting rid of all ordinary human attachments—including the attachment to their human lives—in order to reach the realms of higher beings. This is why we've been able to come through the most evil, most malicious, and most indecent persecution in human history. This is what those evil wretches could not have expected.

Since you are qualified, true cultivators who have met the standard, you cannot be threatened by loss of money or material interests; and those are things that a cultivator needs to let go of, anyway. What's more, these cultivators can even let go of life and death: how could they fear the threat of death? Although several wretched people are still doing evil, those most evil beings who are at high levels of the cosmic body have already been completely eliminated in the process of the Fa's rectification of the cosmos. The evil ones who are at the most superficial level, that of humankind, will soon have to pay for all of their sins as they are completely eliminated during the Fa's rectification of the human world.

In Mainland China these days, some secret agents who claim that they are Dafa students have been making their way into labor camps and other places where students are being held, for the purpose of doing harm. They deceive students by claiming that they [the secret agents] have already reached Consummation, and by using other means. They tell the students that the students have already reached Consummation and no longer need to practice, that the students should conform to everyday people as much as possible, that the students should turn in their books, and so on. With this nonsense, they have deceived some students who, in the midst of tribulations, don't want to stay in the human world and want to reach Consummation as soon as possible. In the Fa, I have told you to conform to everyday people as much as possible while cultivating. I have never said that you should conform to everyday people [in and of itself]. If you are no different from an everyday person, are you still a cultivator? Dafa disciples—future Buddhas, Daos, and Gods—how can you let those evil, ridiculous buffoons take advantage of any gaps?

It is in fact time to let go of your last attachments. As cultivators, you already know that you should, and in your actions you have, let go of all worldly attachments (including the attachment to the human body) and have made it through the process of letting go of life and death. Then is being attached to reaching Consummation an attachment? Isn't it also an attachment born of human desire? Would a Buddha be attached to reaching Consummation? As a matter of fact, those cultivators who are truly approaching Consummation don't have this attachment. In teaching the Fa, I have talked about the principle whereby a school student who does his schoolwork well will naturally be admitted to college, whereas a school student who is attached to being admitted to college but who doesn't do his schoolwork well won't be admitted. It isn't wrong for a cultivator to wish to reach Consummation, but your mind should be on the Fa. While continually cultivating you will unwittingly meet the standard for Consummation. Those Dafa students who are unable to endure the suffering are especially likely to have thoughts of leaving the human world and reaching Consummation soon. This

allows the evil to take advantage of their gaps. You have already made it through the most difficult time. So as for your last attachment, you must be sure to let go of it. I know all of the suffering of my disciples. The truth is, I treasure you more than you treasure yourselves! All evil in the cosmos is being eliminated at an unprecedented speed.

Over the past year, students' own karma, inadequate understanding of the Fa, inability to let go of attachments amidst tribulations, inability to deal with things using righteous thoughts amidst painful trials, and so on, are the main reasons behind evil's escalation of the persecution, and are the true fundamental excuses that the evil has used to damage the Fa. Nonetheless, however much a cultivator puts forth in cultivation, that much he will gain when he reaches Consummation. Do you still remember how one time when I was teaching the Fa, a student asked whether a cultivator could cultivate to an Attainment Status⁴ higher than where his life had originally come into being? If a cultivator can let go of the thought of life and death under any circumstance, evil is sure to be afraid of him. If every student is able to do this, evil will of itself no longer exist. All of you are already aware of the principle of mutual-generation and mutual-inhibition. If you are not afraid, the factor that would make you afraid will cease to exist. This is not to be self-imposed, but is achieved by truly and calmly letting go of it. Whenever I see you suffering, Master feels even more troubled than you; whenever you do not take a step well, it really pains my heart. Everything that the evil has done has actually targeted the attachments and fears that you have not let go of. You are future Enlightened Beings who are becoming Buddhas, Daos, and Gods, and you are not concerned with the losses and gains of this world. So you should be able to let go of everything. If you weren't attached right now to reaching Consummation, the evil would not have been able to take advantage of this last gap.

When those wretches posing as Dafa students try to make you falter, they usually tell you that they are students themselves, that they have reached Consummation, and other nonsense. It's remarkable that you are able to let go of life and death, but you shouldn't develop an attachment to reaching Consummation. That would be an omission! It is also exactly the gap that the evil takes advantage of. Since they are saying that they have already reached Consummation, ask them to fly up in the sky to show everyone, or ask them to recite a paragraph of *Zhuan Falun* as a test. One who has reached Consummation is a Buddha, Dao, or God with boundless radiance, and he will have the magnificent image of a God, having all of the Buddha Fa's divine powers—he will no longer have a human appearance. How could those petty buffoons who go to labor camps and act mysteriously deceive Dafa disciples? Although they have found several dozen deceivers—dregs of humanity—to put on this disgraceful act, just by having your heart unaffected you will be able to handle all situations.

At present, the evil in the cosmic body has already been completely eliminated, and the Fa has finished rectifying the Three Realms. Only the most surface level of matter's shell is still being broken through. This is happening at a rapid speed, and is approaching the wretches in the human world and those vicious murderers who have beaten to death or injured Dafa disciples (future Buddhas, Daos, and Gods).

Eliminate your last attachment(s). Everything you have accomplished through cultivation practice has already established your infinitely wonderful, and sacred, future Attainment Status. Take every step well, and don't tarnish what you have already attained. Let the part of you that has been fully cultivated glow with an even purer brilliance.

⁴This term is also sometimes translated as "Fruit Status."

Li Hongzhi
August 12, 2000

Commentary I

“The understanding is very good. With regard to the manifestation of thought karma, the damage that the evil forces have created for us, and our clarifying the truth to people, we are actively eliminating the demons instead of condoning or passively enduring; but our thoughts and actions must be benevolent.”

Li Hongzhi

October 5, 2000

Note: This is a commentary on the article “Eliminate Demonic Nature”, which was written by a Dafa disciple and published on September 30, 2000 on the English Clearwisdom Website.

Suffocate the Evil

China's Labor Re-education Camps are dark dens of evil forces. Most of the disciplinary guards there are reincarnated minor ghosts from hell. As for the people who have been "reformed," it was arranged in history that they would persecute the Fa this way. No matter how well they acted when arrested or beaten, all of that was setting the stage for their leaping out today to persecute the Fa and confuse students. I hope that students don't listen to or believe their evil lies. This has happened because I purposely allow them to expose themselves in order to let all of you clearly recognize them and to have these hidden malignant tumors be removed from among disciples. All of the students who are clarifying the truth today in order to validate Dafa have done really well. I have thoroughly affirmed this. What they have done is absolutely correct—there's no doubt about this. I hope everyone remains clearheaded.

Li Hongzhi

October 22, 2000 in San Francisco

Beyond the Limits of Forbearance

Forbearance (*ren*) is not cowardice, much less is it resigning oneself to adversity. Dafa disciples' Forbearance is noble; is the manifestation of beings' magnificent, indestructible, and diamond-like solidity; is tolerance for the purpose of upholding the truth; and is mercy toward and salvation of beings who still have human nature and righteous thoughts. Forbearance is absolutely not the limitless giving of free rein, which allows those evil beings who no longer have any human nature or righteous thoughts to do evil without limit. With Forbearance, one can give up everything for Truth. But Forbearance does not mean tolerating evil beings—that no longer have human nature or righteous thoughts—defying both human and divine laws as they corrupt sentient beings and Dafa's existence at different levels, much less is it ignoring terrible crimes. Zhen, Shan, Ren is the Fa! And It is the manifestation of the Great Fa of the cosmos at different levels. It is absolutely not some human theory or guiding principle for ordinary human living, as human beings take it to be. If the evil has already reached the point where it is unsavable and unkeepable, then various measures at different levels can be used to stop it and eradicate it.

Going beyond the limits of Forbearance is included in the Fa's principles. It is just that because in cultivation, Dafa disciples have tests to pass, their *xinxing* need to be improved, and they need to let go of all attachments amidst ordinary humans, Master has not talked about going beyond the limits of Forbearance. Once told, it could create obstacles for disciples who are in the process of cultivating. In particular, it could render them unable to handle themselves correctly amidst the evil's test of Dafa. However, the way the evil beings are currently performing shows that they are now completely without human nature and without righteous thoughts. Such evil's persecution of the Fa can thus no longer be tolerated.

Completely eliminating the evil is for Fa-rectification, and not a matter of personal cultivation. In personal cultivation, there is usually no "going beyond the limits of Forbearance."

Li Hongzhi
January 1, 2001

A Congratulatory Message

To the Persons in Charge of the Falun Dafa Hong Kong Conference:

Master wishes the Fa Conference complete success! At the same time, I would like to thank the government and people of Hong Kong who have given support and provided the conditions that allow us to successfully hold this Fa Conference.

To repay the Hong Kong government officials and people for their support, we will definitely pass on the wonderfulness of Falun Dafa to the Hong Kong people.

I hope that our Fa conferences will be conducted better and better. Under the persecution, we should help the people of the world see the truth of the situation and help more people obtain the Fa, saving the world's people.

Li Hongzhi

January 14, 2001

To the Florida Fa Conference

To the Persons in Charge of the Florida Fa Conference:

Greetings! The Florida Fa conference is the first large-scale Fa conference held in English. That is excellent. I hope this Fa conference will be held successfully. I hope that sharing what you've learned will truly enable everyone to improve, and at the same time show the true face of Dafa and allow more people to learn the truth about Dafa, thereby letting predestined people obtain the Fa.

Again, I'd like to wish this Dafa conference complete success!

Li Hongzhi

January 27, 2001

Rectifying the Colossal Firmament

How much longer can the evil run rampant?
Every being's volition is fully revealed.
Who could be outside this calamity?
Looking with a smile, at the Gods being foolish.⁵

Li Hongzhi

The eighteenth day of the first month, the year of Xin Si in the lunar calendar (*February 10, 2001*)

⁵ The Chinese term translated here as “foolish,” *chi*, can be used to describe someone whose judgment is clouded, due to a preoccupation with something.

Coercion Cannot Change People's Hearts

The steadfast, righteous thoughts of a cultivator transcend all human understandings, transcend all human thinking, and can never be understood by everyday people. At the same time, they cannot be changed by everyday people, because humans are not able to change Enlightened Beings.

The evil has utilized the power in bad people's hands to create turmoil for nearly two years, using the most base actions ever in human history—whether ancient or modern, Chinese or foreign—and employing all the most malicious means to persecute Dafa and its cultivators. Its aim is to use coercive measures to change Dafa cultivators' hearts and have them give up their cultivation practice. This is futile. Never in history has someone who persecuted those with upright faiths ever succeeded. All of this is merely to use the evil's performance to solidify Dafa and remove cultivators' fundamental attachments so as to free cultivators from the shackles of humanness and karma. All those who have been weeded out are not true cultivators. Although the evil can run rampant temporarily in this period of time when it is being used, it will eventually end up in utter disgrace since in the Fa-rectification process they are beings doomed to be weeded out. For over a year, the evil has utilized the bad people who have been used as its tools and who employ all sorts of torture instruments and methods to beat cruelly and torture Dafa cultivators. Although many people have been beaten to death, beaten to disability, or sent off to mental hospitals, this has still not changed true cultivators' steadfast, righteous thoughts. [The bad people] produce fake scriptures, don't allow students to sleep, fabricate charges, frame up students, spread lies, and so on. Being threatened severely, deceived, and pressured greatly by all those indecent means, some students have written things like the so-called "guarantees to stop practicing" or "statements of repentance" when they were not in their right minds and forced. None of those were genuine expressions from the students' hearts—they were done against their will. Although they had attachments, were momentarily taken advantage of by the evil, and did what a cultivator should not, a cultivator ought to be looked at in his entirety. I do not recognize any of those things. When they return to their senses, they will immediately start doing again what a Dafa student should do during this time, and, in the meantime, will declare as null and void everything that they said and wrote when they were not in their right minds due to intense persecution, and will declare that they are determined in cultivation. A large number of declarations from students all over the country have appeared daily. The last hope of attempting to change Dafa disciples' righteous thoughts through coercion and deception has been completely shattered. The evil no longer has any way to change the determination that Dafa disciples have developed from their true understanding of the Fa through cultivation and from their Buddha-nature after the elevation of their *benti*⁶ in actual cultivation. In this situation, the evil's performance has completely turned into the venting of personal resentment by the malicious people, using the power in their hands and employing the most base means.

Since the only evil remaining in the current Fa-rectification has seen Dafa disciples' unshakable, steadfast faith, it has gone mad and completely lost its senses. Although Dafa disciples do not get involved in politics and do not value ordinary human power, the evil's

⁶ *benti* (bun-tee)—"own-body," "original-body," or "true being."

persecution in China—which ignores all of its consequences—will lead people to completely distrust the ruling party and its regime, and to disobey the government. The lie-spreading propaganda machine will no longer be able to employ demagoguery. This is because at the same time that the evil persecutes Dafa, it has also arranged it so that, during the campaign, the party’s current head himself is used to destroy the party and its regime from within the party—this is what those being manipulated and the world’s people cannot see clearly. Then the consequences of their personal resentment become inevitable and cannot be avoided. And in this persecution, the world’s people will see more clearly everything the evil has done; Dafa disciples will become more rational and more clearheaded, and, with determination and maturation in cultivation, move towards magnificent Consummation.

Li Hongzhi

March 4, 2001

A Message

Persons in Charge of the European Fa Conference and All Attendees:

Greetings!

No matter how evil are the old forces that have utilized the evil and arranged this malicious so-called test, in the end, they will be cleaned out in the Fa-rectification. Everything that Dafa disciples do at present is resisting the persecution of Dafa and Its disciples. Clarifying the truth, at the same time as exposing the evil, restrains the evil and lessens the persecution; and exposing the evil is at the same time purging from people's minds the poison of the evil's lies and deception—it is saving people. This is the grandest mercy, because in the future several billion people are to obtain the Fa, and if people's minds contain thoughts that resist Dafa, once this evil drama is over a large number of human beings will begin to be weeded out, and people who have a predestined relationship to obtain the Fa or even a larger number of innocent people might be weeded out. Therefore, everything we are currently doing is magnificent, is merciful, and is consummating the end of our path. Validating Dafa and exposing the evil in ordinary human society seem to resemble work in ordinary human society. But they are not. Everyday people do everything out of self-interest, whereas what we do is to safeguard Dafa. This is what a Dafa disciple should do, and it is without any selfish elements. It is sacred, it is magnificent, and it is establishing the magnificent mighty virtue of an Enlightened Being in the face of the real evil—the old forces.

As a Dafa disciple, in order to do Fa-rectification things well and to consummate everything of yours well, you need to study the Fa a lot. No matter how busy you are, you cannot skip Fa-study. This is what can best ensure your reaching Consummation. Despite your time being tight and your being amidst the many difficulties, you are still doing what you should do. This is remarkable and is establishing your own mighty virtue, for you are emerging from the hardships, from the pressures, and from the difficulties.

Once again, I wish the Fa conference complete success!

Li Hongzhi

March 19, 2001

A Suggestion

Some of the people who have obtained the Fa and, at this human surface, come to know the meaning of the Fa, have had their lives extended through the Fa; some of them have received all kinds of benefits, such as good health, harmony in the family, indirect benefits to their relatives and friends, a reduction of their karma, and even Master's bearing things for them. In other dimensions, their physical bodies are being transformed into God-bodies. Despite this, when Dafa is about to consummate you, you are unable to step forward from humanness, and when the evil persecutes Dafa you are unable to stand up to validate Dafa. These people who only want to take from Dafa and not give for Dafa are, in the eyes of Gods, the worst beings. Moreover, this Fa is what's fundamental in the cosmos, so those people who are still unable to step forward today will be weeded out after this tribulation is over. Many of them are people who have strong predestined relationships. This is why Master has waited and waited. Also included are those who have, during this period, voluntarily assisted the evil in persecuting the Fa after being so-called "reformed." These people have relatively large amounts of karma and they have fundamental attachments to [things of] humans, so in the midst of absurd lies during the so-called "reforming," they have, in the interest of their attachments and to justify their behavior, gone along with the lies and willingly accepted evil "enlightenment," while pretending they didn't want to. If this kind of person then goes and deceives other students, he will have committed the sin of damaging the Fa. All who have been supposedly "reformed" are people who couldn't let go of their attachments to [things of] humans and who stepped forward with the idea that they might be lucky.

Did you know that I don't recognize at all this evil test that the old forces arranged? The reason evil beings in low-level dimensions dare to be so ferocious is that the beings at the final, highest level of the cosmos who are yet to be dealt with have created a type of screen. Until this screen is completely destroyed in Fa-rectification, the beings in low-level dimensions and the evil beings in the world won't be able to see the true situation, and so they dare to commit sinister acts out of ignorance. Amidst the Fa-rectification, those high-level beings are in the last stage of being cleaned out. Once it is broken through, all the evil beings in the world will be knocked down into hell when the Fa rectifies the human world, and for all eternity they will pay for the sins they committed persecuting Dafa. There are also some people who claim to have reached Consummation, saying nonsense like, "There's no need to practice anymore," or "There's no need to study anymore." If you have reached Consummation, then fly up into the sky and show us a Buddha's solemn image. If you no longer need to practice, are you still my disciple? A cultivator cannot stop cultivating even at the very last moment before he reaches Consummation. Those people are not demons, but they are doing what demons do. It's not that Master is not merciful—in the Fa-rectification all beings choose their own path. Those of you who claim to have reached Consummation, do you have all the magnificent Fa-power of a God or Buddha?

There are also some people who maliciously say, "The real Master is in the heavens," "We need to break from the Master in the human world," and "Help Master undo" so-called "knots that are tied to his body." There is only one Li Hongzhi. I don't have any Assistant Primordial Spirit, and I don't have any of those three souls and seven spirits like everyday people do, either. I am the principal being. The bodies inside my *benti*, from the larger ones to the smaller ones, that are made up of particles of different levels and that are in different

dimensions, are all directed by my principal being in the human world and follow the thoughts of my principal being in the human world. My Law Bodies are specific manifestations of my wisdom. My Gong Bodies are composites of my boundlessly-immense *gong*. Not acknowledging the Master in the human world is not acknowledging oneself as a Dafa disciple. Then such a person is not even a cultivator, much less does he have any business talking about Consummation. The people of the future still need to obtain the Fa; there are several billion people in this world who are waiting to obtain the Fa after this evil drama is completely wiped out as the Fa rectifies the human world, and what they will study and use will be this *Zhuan Falun*. The sins committed by both the evil and the bad people who destroy the books are so huge that they can never be fully paid for. Those who at different levels manipulate the evil and the bad people into persecuting Dafa and its students all have in store for them the endless paying for all they have done, suffering as they are annihilated layer by layer. Those who voluntarily sign the “reform statement” or who promise in writing not to practice under the pretence of so-called “giving up the attachment to Consummation” or “giving up human notions” are covering up their true attachments. They even slander and attack the Clearwisdom Website, which reports on Dafa positively. The old forces think that a Dafa student who, out of attachments, during this period gives a written promise not to cultivate Dafa anymore has determined his own future. If it didn’t truly come from his heart and was the result of coercion, and if he rejoins the Fa-rectification, then there will be greater tribulations, as tests, for him to pass. Even though Master does not recognize the old forces’ arrangements, the consequences are terrifying once you have gone over to the opposite side, and your tens-of-thousands-of-years’ wait will be ruined in an instant. Those who are spreading evil “enlightenment” under the guise of Dafa students are, regardless of whether they were students before, doing what demons who damage Dafa do.

In reality, nobody can damage Dafa. Those who have not come through the tribulations are humans. When human beings are no longer good enough, then they will be re-created, and this is humans’ inexorable doom. I want to do everything I can to save all the people of the world and all beings. [Yet these] humans aren’t able to live up to it and of their own choosing “enlighten” along an evil path in order to cover up their attachments. If you do not want a future, I will give up on you. I am not attached to anything.

As Dafa disciples, what you should do in the current situation is clarify the truth to the world’s people and expose the evil, thereby safeguarding Dafa. Your own improvement and Consummation are part of this process. Those who do the so-called “reform” work, too, are people who have been deceived. Why not turn the tables and expose the evil and clarify the truth to them? I suggest that all students who they are trying to forcefully reform (this excludes those who haven’t been taken away for reform) expose the evil and clarify the truth to those people who are doing the reform work, and tell them about the cause and effect relationship of “good and evil always have consequences.” It is the evil that is afraid of people knowing the truth of the situation, not Dafa disciples.

Li Hongzhi

April 10, 2001

Dafa Disciples' Righteous Thoughts are Powerful

The evil beings are being destroyed in large numbers in the Three Realms and the human world. They have already seen that they will end in failure, so they make their last-ditch effort even more madly. The most severely persecuted ones are precisely those students who harbor attachments. The more fearful they are inside, the more the evil specifically goes after such students. And the overall situation that has appeared, in which Dafa is persecuted in the human world, is caused by the large-scale, severe occurrence of these students being persecuted because they have attachments. Because they couldn't let go of their attachments they have been so-called "reformed," and this has led them to do things that help the evil, making the situation severe.

Why should you, a Dafa disciple, fear the evil ones when enduring persecution? The crux of the matter is that you have attachments. If not, do not endure passively, and face the evil people with righteous thoughts at all times. No matter what the situation, do not cooperate with the evil's demands, orders, or what it instigates. If everyone does this the environment won't be this way.

In fact, some disciples and beings in different realms who are able to use their supernormal abilities in different dimensions have been using their supernormal abilities and *gong* potency (*gongli*) to take part in eliminating the evil beings that damage Dafa. When some Dafa disciples see evil beings, they send out Falun and Dafa's divine powers to eliminate the evil. There are also students who have set certain times when the world's murderers and assailants who beat people will receive retribution. They have effectively eliminated evil factors and restrained the bad people. Actually, every Dafa disciple has abilities. It's just that the abilities do not manifest in the surface dimension, so they think that they don't have supernormal abilities. But regardless of whether they can manifest in the surface dimension or not, when a person's True Thoughts come forth they are very powerful. Since we cultivate in a righteous Fa, we should care for and save beings and the people of the world who are good. So we should act with goodness in everything we do. Yet removing the evil beings that manipulate people into damaging humankind is also protecting humankind and sentient beings. Dafa is spreading widely, saving all sentient beings. Although those evil beings who are completely unsalvageable cannot be saved, they still can't be allowed to do evil without end and thus persecute Dafa and its students, and the people of the world. Eliminating evil is thus doing Fa-rectification, and is also saving the world's people and sentient beings.

Li Hongzhi

April 24, 2001

The Disciples' Magnificence

Dafa disciples are magnificent, because what you are cultivating is the ultimate Great Fa of the cosmos, because you have validated Dafa with righteous thoughts, and because you have not fallen during the massive tribulation. Dafa disciples' doing Fa-rectification has no precedent in history. In the magnificent, grand feats of validating the Fa with rationality, clarifying the truth with wisdom, and spreading the Fa and saving people with mercy, each Dafa disciple's path of Consummation is being perfected. At this great moment in history, every steady step is a glorious historic testimony, and is incomparably-magnificent mighty virtue. All this is being recorded in the history of the cosmos. The magnificent Fa and the magnificent epoch are forging the most magnificent Enlightened Beings.

Li Hongzhi

May 13, 2001

The Vows of Gods are Being Fulfilled

Mankind, do not consider Falun Gong insignificant just because it has a *qigong*⁷ name. In ancient times, all the various schools of thought, and all trades and professions in the human world were called “Dao.” Lao Zi told people, however, that the Dao that he taught was different, saying that “You can call the Dao [I teach] a Dao, but it is not an ordinary Dao; you can give the concept I teach an ordinary name, but it is not an ordinary concept.” When Buddha Sakyamuni taught his Fa twenty-five hundred years ago, there were eight religions being spread at the same time. The Buddha Fa, the true Dao, was amidst them.

Man always thinks that when a God or Buddha appears it will be earth-shaking, that when he saves people his Buddha-image will grandly manifest, and that with a wave of his hand he will destroy the evil ones who undermine the salvation of people. If that were the case, wouldn't it be better if the Buddha took people up directly from the heavens? You should know that people who are to be saved need to pay off, through arduous cultivation, all the sins and karma that they generated in the past doing bad things, they need to get rid of their human attachments and all the other bad things that they carry, and at the same time they need to rectify their behavior and thinking. Only then can they be saved. If a Buddha were to grandly manifest, even the most evil persons would follow what the Buddha said. Would there still be a chance to cultivate, then? Even if a person did cultivate it wouldn't count, because a cultivator has to eliminate his sins and karma during arduous cultivation, and, after being purified, move towards Consummation.

In fact, when all everyday people see a God's or Buddha's image grandly manifest, it is certain that something major is unfolding in the human world and it is very likely the time when humankind's sins will meet with due retribution. Whether it be a Buddha, Dao, or God, when he saves the world's people, he certainly must descend to the world and walk the earth with a human image, and use human language to make Fa-principles known. Moreover, when an Enlightened Being descends to the world, it is usually at a time when people's morals are declining day by day, when people's sins and karma are enormous, or when people's morality is degenerate. Once the saved ones have attained the Fa and left, the dregs of humanity and the degenerate world that are left behind will be weeded out.

Li Hongzhi

May 13, 2001

⁷ The Chinese character for “gong” used in the bi-syllabic term “*qi-gong*” is the same character as the “Gong” in the name “Falun Gong.” *Qi-gong* is regarded by many people in China as a fitness movement, and thus not considered very serious or important.

No Politics

“Politics” is a term of the modern, warped society. True human societies in history did not have this term or what politics encompasses. When politics appeared in human society, the society had already begun to warp, and moral values were being assailed by politics as well. In addition, the very reason for people to get into politics is their desire to make a name for themselves and for selfish gains. It’s only that back then human society’s moral values were still quite strong and the people who lived at that time were all in that environment, so the people who were in politics simply didn’t appear as unscrupulous as the people in politics today. So politics has been filthy since its emergence. But it’s true that in political circles there have been some upright persons who are concerned about the country and the people, though they are only a drop in the ocean.

But as for those upright resisters who are against evil regimes wrecking the country and ruining the people, people also consider them to be political, since they have explicit political stances. Although people think that those persons’ stances are upright, political activity is, after all, the product of a warped society. Had today’s human society not warped as such, politics would not have appeared.

Dafa disciples’ cultivation surpasses what is human, they are cultivators who have grasped the truths in higher realms, and what they understand transcends the realm of everyday people. Any understanding below the realm of the higher Fa-principles is no longer the Truth of the cosmos. Every Dafa disciple is clear about this in his cultivation, so even less should he mix everyday people’s politics into Fa-rectification. The tribulations Dafa disciples endure are things amidst Fa-rectification and in cultivation. Exposing the evil and clarifying the truth to the people of this world is only to show them the persecution that Dafa and the disciples have endured, and its ultimate purpose is to save the people of this world, to get rid of the poison in sentient beings’ minds that the evil has inundated them with, and to rescue them from the danger of being weeded out in the future due to their hostility toward Dafa. This is a reflection of Dafa disciples’ grand mercy in saving sentient beings even while enduring persecution. From another angle, how could Gods and Buddhas get involved in humans’ politics? Even less would Gods and Buddhas affirm the politics that appear in a warped human society.

Human society is a good place for cultivation, since everything here can lead to attachments. Precisely because of this, a person who is able to step out of it and get rid of all his attachments to human society is magnificent and is able to reach Consummation.

Li Hongzhi

June 4th, 2001

Commentary II

This article is very well written. It addresses specific issues, especially those under the current circumstances. I hope everyone is able to handle correctly what it has discussed.

Li Hongzhi

June 5th, 2001

Note: This is a commentary on the article “Do Not Forget Cultivation Amidst Fa-Rectification While Eradicating the Evil”, which was written by a Dafa disciple and published on June 6, 2001 on the Clearwisdom Website.

The Two Hand Positions for Sending Forth Righteous Thoughts



Holding One Palm Erect

法正乾坤
邪恶全灭

(Pinyin romanization)

fǎ zhèng qián kūn
xié è quán miè

(phonetic rendering)

fah jung chyen kwuhn
shyeh uh! chwen myeh



The Lotus Hand Position

法正天地
现世现报

(Pinyin romanization)

fǎ zhèng tiān dì
xiàn shì xiàn bào

(phonetic rendering)

fah jung tyen dee
shyen shrr shyen baow

June 12, 2001

Translator's Notes:

1) In general, formulas should always be recited with their original words/sound in order for them to have the proper effect.

2) The general meaning of the first formula is “the Fa (*Fa*) rectifies (*zheng*) the Cosmos (*qian kun*); the Evil (*xie e*) is completely (*quan*) eliminated (*mie*).” The second part can also be translated as “destroying all the Evil.”

3) The general meaning of the second formula is “the Fa (*Fa*) rectifies (*zheng*) Heaven (*tian*) and Earth (*di*); immediate (*xian... xian*) retribution (*bao*) in this lifetime (*shi*).”

What Are Supernormal Abilities

Supernormal abilities are also called divine powers. Contemporary people call them extraordinary abilities. Supernormal abilities are in fact beings' innate abilities. The higher a being's level, the more fully his innate abilities can take effect; conversely, the lower a being's level, the harder it is for his innate abilities to take effect, or to take full effect. The fundamental reason is that in this cosmos, from the highest level to the lowest level, the lower it gets, the higher the proportion of matter beings and everything in their particular realms have, the larger the particles' grains are, and the more weight beings carry—the lower it gets, the more the beings' innate abilities (supernormal abilities) are restrained by matter itself, and the more heavy this restraint, the less effective the abilities are. This is why the lower the level, the lesser the abilities. When it gets to the human dimension, all the innate abilities of beings are already covered up, their innate abilities (supernormal abilities) cannot work. So if humans do something or want to get something, they have to rely solely on working their matter-comprised bodies in order to get what they want. Man cannot see the true situation of the cosmos because he is completely buried in matter. That is why it's said that the human dimension is one of delusion.

As for a cultivator, the higher the level he cultivates to, the greater his abilities. This is because the more levels of cosmos he breaks through, the less and lighter matter's weight on his being is, the stronger his innate abilities (supernormal abilities) are, and the greater the number and the more comprehensive are his abilities that are freed. I have taught in the Fa that in Dafa cultivation one's supernormal abilities are developed the most comprehensively because Dafa disciples are to cultivate to higher levels—the higher the level one breaks through, the more he is freed from matter, and he will thus fully demonstrate his innate abilities (supernormal abilities). Dafa disciples have already been bringing their supernormal abilities into full play in Fa-rectification. For instance, while doing Fa-rectification, when the righteous thoughts are very pure, their supernormal abilities are comprehensively utilized. Moreover, with righteous thoughts many disciples are able to use them at will—whatever they want to use, they almost always have it. For example, to freeze those wicked evildoers that persecute Dafa disciples, they just need to say, “freeze” or “stay there and don't move,” or point to the group of evildoers, and then they definitely won't be able to move; afterwards they just need to think “release,” and it will be lifted. Actually, you can use your will to command those evil ones who have no human nature—such as those evildoers, who are worse than beasts, who beat people to death or rape female Dafa disciples—as well as those chief evil ones. The wicked evildoers will do whatever you have them do.

A being's level is determined by his *xinxing*. That is, when you use supernormal abilities your righteous thoughts must be strong. An inadequate state of mind—such as fearing the evil, wavering in your thoughts when you use your supernormal abilities, or doubting whether they will work—can affect or interfere with the outcome of the supernormal abilities.

Consummation is the conclusion of a Dafa disciple's cultivation, while Fa-rectification is a Dafa disciple's mission. For a Dafa disciple, Consummation is only a matter of the time of return, whereas Fa-rectification is to be left for the future. The future of the cosmos that beings at different levels have seen actually doesn't exist and is an illusion. At present, humankind's every day is arranged according to Dafa's needs; Dafa disciples' performance in

the human world is to be left for history. In different historic times of the future, if in the cosmos damage to Dafa occurs or when beings perform differently, how Dafa will rectify the Fa and make everything perfect and indestructible is extremely important. Everything Dafa disciples are doing at present is creating the future, and right now everything in the Three Realms exists for Dafa. When Dafa has consummated everything amidst the tribulation, all of the evil that persecutes Dafa will end.

Li Hongzhi

June 14, 2001

To All Students at the Nordic Fa Conference

All Students at the Nordic Fa Conference:

For Dafa disciples, Consummation is the conclusion of cultivation, and Fa-rectification is the great responsibility history has bestowed upon you during the Fa-rectification period. So during the current process of clarifying the truth and exposing the evil, everything we do is embodying Dafa. Whether we're clarifying the truth, exposing the evil, or participating in other Dafa activities, including our Fa conferences, we should demonstrate Dafa disciples' mercy as well as the goodness that Fa-rectification cultivation brings out. I'd like to wish the Fa conference complete success.

Meanwhile, I hope that the students in Europe can be more like the students in North America—every student should, in addition to participating in group activities, in his daily life fully take the initiative of a Dafa disciple, establish his own mighty virtue in the process of clarifying the truth, and do well on his own Dafa disciple's path. So in clarifying the truth, don't wait, don't rely on others, and don't just hope for changes in external factors. Every one of us is creating history for the future, that's why everyone is not only participating in group activities, but also taking the initiative to look for things to do. As long as something is good for Dafa, you should take the initiative to do it, take the initiative to work on it. Every person you come into contact with in society is someone to clarify the truth to, and what's manifest in clarifying the truth is Dafa disciples' mercy and their salvation of the world's people. I hope that every Dafa disciple will fully take initiative and fully play his role as a Dafa disciple. Once again, I'd like to wish the Fa conference complete success.

Pay attention: no matter how busy you are, you cannot neglect Fa-study. This is what fundamentally assures that you move toward Consummation and do Dafa work well.

Li Hongzhi

June 17, 2001

Dafa is Indestructible

Why are Dafa disciples ruthlessly tortured by the evil? Because they persist in their righteous faith in Dafa, and because they are particles of Dafa. Why did Fa-rectification have to be done? Because the beings in the cosmos no longer met the standard. As a Dafa disciple, your steadfast, righteous thoughts are absolutely unshakable, because your renewed being is formed precisely amidst the Fa-rectification. But in order to achieve everything they've wanted to, the old, evil forces in the cosmos have directly taken part in persecuting Dafa, Dafa disciples, and sentient beings by continuously using the evil arrangements that they contrived and that don't conform to the true Fa-principles of the cosmos, and they have taken advantage of the unremoved notions that are at Dafa disciples' human surface, and Dafa disciples' karma, to make their righteous thoughts falter. As a result, some students haven't been able to endure amidst the agony of the persecution, and have done what a Dafa disciple absolutely should not and cannot do. That is a disgrace to Dafa.

Master wants to save all sentient beings. But the evil forces are truly committing sins against Dafa by using all sentient beings, with the ultimate purpose of destroying them. Once a Dafa disciple has done what he shouldn't do, if he isn't able to truly realize its severity and redeem the losses he has brought to Dafa, everything and that millions upon millions of years' wait will be fulfilled according to the vows made before history. As a Dafa disciple, everything of yours is formed by Dafa and is the most righteous, and it can only be that [you] rectify everything that is not righteous. How could you bow to the evil? How could you promise something to the evil? Even if it doesn't truly come from your heart, it's still giving in to the evil. This is bad conduct for humans, too, and Gods absolutely would not do such a thing. Even if a Dafa cultivator truly casts off his human skin during the persecution, what awaits him is still Consummation. At the same time, no attachment or fear could possibly enable you to reach Consummation. And any attachment of fear is itself a barrier that prevents you from reaching Consummation, and is also a factor in your being "reformed" toward the evil side and in your betrayal.

I can tell you, all of the natural and man-made disasters that have been happening in Mainland China are already warnings for the sins the beings there have committed against Dafa. If they don't come to realize it, then the real catastrophe(s) will begin. All the evil people who have sinned against Dafa, specifically those who are no longer useful in the evil so-called "test" of Dafa disciples, have already begun to meet with retribution for their evil. From now on this will happen on a large scale. Those most evil ones, though, will be used until the very end, because there continue to be Dafa disciples stepping forward, and the evil old forces need to use them to continue to test Dafa disciples. This is why the most wicked evildoers are still rampantly doing evil.

A Dafa disciple completely opposes everything arranged by the evil old forces. Clarify the truth thoroughly, eliminate the evil with righteous thoughts, save all beings, and safeguard the Fa with determination, because you are a part of Dafa, indestructible; rectify all that is not righteous. Those who are "reformed" and those who are being saved can only be beings who were deceived by the evil. Those who are being eliminated are the evil beings and the evil old forces. Those who are reaching Consummation through all this are Dafa disciples; and through all this Dafa's mighty virtue is established.

Li Hongzhi
June 23, 2001

Deciphering the Last Three Stanzas of the Plum Blossom Poem⁸

- The eighth *Worldly affairs are like a chess game, whose final phase arrives early
Working together with common goals, yet great disaster descends
The leopard has died, but its skin is still left
The best autumn scenery is in Chang'an*
- The ninth *The fire dragon rises from hibernation and the sorrow of Yan Gate sets in
The original precious stone meets with tribulation, and Zhao withdraws
With a courtyard of gorgeous flowers, the spring has her master
The windstorm continues through the night, but there is no need to worry*
- The tenth *Dots of plum blossoms herald the arrival of spring in Heaven and on Earth
If you want to know what will happen, ask Bo and Fu for the causes
Peaceful days will naturally come to this world
Making his home wherever he is, who is the host and who is the guest*

“Worldly affairs are like a chess game, whose final phase arrives early”

Explanation: Things in the world have always been like a chess game, with the wicked international alliance of communist countries as one side and free societies as the other side. Ten years ago, the game had already come to the point of defeat for the side of the wicked communist regimes.

“Working together with common goals, yet great disaster descends”

Explanation: The wicked international alliance of communist regimes has completely disintegrated. Ninety percent of its countries abandoned the evil communism. And that truly spelled imminent disaster for the evil Communist party.

“The leopard has died, but its skin is still left”

Explanation: The Soviet Union was like a leopard. The malevolent communist system has disintegrated, but on the surface its skin remains, and the Chinese government has inherited it. [You can say this] because today's Chinese people, too, no longer believe in communism, and it's merely that those in power in China want to use the form of the malevolent communist party to maintain their regime.

“The best autumn scenery is in Chang'an”

Explanation: China's current leaders themselves don't believe in the CCP. Their specific purpose is to use the superficial form of the malevolent CCP to keep hold of power. That's why they do everything possible to disguise the false, so-called “great situation.” No matter how beautiful the “best autumn scenery” is (which is also the party's final moment), autumn

⁸ An ancient, well-known Chinese poem commonly thought of as a prophecy.

scenery naturally doesn't last long. Chang'an⁹ also refers to China's capital, and here it refers to China in a general sense.

"The fire dragon rises from hibernation and the sorrow of Yan¹⁰ Gate sets in"

Explanation: In the lowest dimension of the heavens,¹¹ the malevolent CCP manifests as an evil red dragon. This line alludes to the "June 4th" incident¹² in which students and many others were massacred in Tiananmen Square after appealing to the government.

"The original precious stone meets with tribulation, and Zhao withdraws"

Explanation: "The original precious stone" is a general reference to China, which has a five-thousand-year history. It met with this tribulation. Zhao Ziyang¹³ was attacked and ousted as a result.

"With a courtyard of gorgeous flowers, the spring has her master"

Explanation: Before July 20, 1999, Falun Dafa disciples were everywhere in Mainland China, spread all over the country and wearing Falun Gong pins, and posters of Dafa's Falun could be seen everywhere—they looked like gorgeous flowers. "The spring has her master" means that in the spring of a certain year, the persecuted Dafa disciples will meet their Master in an open and dignified manner.

"The windstorm continues through the night, but there is no need to worry"

Explanation: In light of history, the persecution of Dafa disciples is, no matter how rampant the evil gets, nothing to worry about, just like a full night's windstorm—day will break as soon as the windstorm is over.

"Dots of plum blossoms herald the arrival of spring in Heaven and on Earth"

Explanation: The Dafa disciples who have come through the test of the harsh winter are all over the world and all over Mainland China, like the plum blossoms that brave frost and snow, telling of spring's arrival. This is the moment when the Fa rectifies the human world.

"If you want to know what will happen, ask Bo and Fu for the causes"

Explanation: "Bo" and "Fu" are two divinatory terms. When "Bo" reaches the extreme, "Fu" is bound to happen; it also means that things reverse when they reach the extreme. History is like a revolving (*zhuan*) wheel (*lun*), and there's sure to be consequences for what transpired before. All of human history has been arranged for this Fa-rectification.

"Peaceful days will naturally come to this world"

Explanation: Having gone through all kinds of tests from the evil, Dafa disciples move towards a wonderful future as the evil dies out.

⁹ Chang'an (chahng-on)—the former capital of China.

¹⁰ Yan (yen)—an ancient term that sometimes refers to Beijing.

¹¹ In Chinese thought, "heaven" refers to any dimension or level above that of humans.

¹² A reference to the 1989 student democracy uprising in Beijing.

¹³ Zhao Ziyang (jao zz-yahng)—the Premier and General Secretary of the CCP, ousted after the Tiananmen Square Massacre.

“Making his home wherever he is, who is the host and who is the guest”

Explanation: Since Master came to the public in 1992 to impart the Fa, he has spent much of his time traveling far and wide to impart the Fa, and he has made his home wherever he is. The second half of this line, “who is the host and who is the guest,” alludes to the question of who is [really] the host and who is [really] the guest—on the stage of history, who plays the supporting role and who plays the main role? Even this human civilization is made for Dafa, created for Dafa.

—Orally relayed by Master impromptu on July 3, 2001, recorded by students, and published with Master’s approval.

Fa-Rectification and Cultivation

The article discusses with much clarity the question of how to handle Fa-rectification and cultivation. During the Fa-rectification, Dafa disciples have a different situation from when personal cultivation was done in the past. In the face of the groundless harming, in the face of the persecution of Dafa, and in the face of the injustice forced upon us, we cannot handle things or categorically accept things as before in personal cultivation, because Dafa disciples are now in the Fa-rectification period. If a problem isn't caused by our own attachments or mistakes, then it must be that the evil is interfering or doing bad things.

Yet we are still cultivating and still have some last ordinary human attachments. When a problem arises, we have to examine ourselves first to see whether things are right or wrong on our part. If we determine that it is interference or damaging, when we deal with the specific problem we should try our best to be calm and kind to those people who are at the surface, because when the evil uses people, they usually aren't aware of it themselves (although the people who are used are usually either people whose thoughts are bad or people who have bad thoughts arising). As for the interference by evil in other dimensions, we must seriously eradicate it with righteous thoughts.

Li Hongzhi

July 8th, 2001

Note: This article is Fa taught by Master in light of the article "What is True Kindness?" which was published on July 8, 2001 on the PureInsight Website.

The Effect of Righteous Thoughts

The new cosmos is incomparably wonderful and infinitely massive amidst the Fa-rectification, because the entire colossal firmament is made up of tens of millions of incomparably massive cosmic systems, and the great majority of the enormous cosmic systems that have been rectified by the Fa have already entered the new history. At present, the places where the evil is able to do bad things, though, are places that have not been reached by the Fa-rectification's massive changing-force. These are exactly the places where Dafa disciples' righteous thoughts take effect, even though the state of things in these places is also extremely complicated and degenerate.

Before the Fa-rectification, the old forces crammed the lowest-level section of each of those tens of millions of remote cosmic systems into the Three Realms of the central cosmic system where we are. Seemingly, this was to prevent them from being left out of the Fa-rectification, and was to show that they took part in Fa-rectification, when in reality they were using Fa-rectification to reach their selfish goals. Because the places at higher levels of the cosmic colossal firmament are being cleaned up, destroyed, or assimilated extremely rapidly by the immense force of Fa-rectification, every minute there are countless immense universes that are being swept through by the force of Fa-rectification and at the same time being quickly rectified by the Fa. Yet, these countless universes make up cosmic bodies, and countless gigantic cosmic bodies make up cosmic systems, so, because the lowest levels that are connected to these cosmic systems are pressed into our Three Realms, even though their dimensions shrank after they were crammed in, the time and structure inside didn't change. That is why when an entire enormous system, which is made up of countless universes and countless cosmic bodies, has been completely rectified up there by the Fa, only one of the segments formed by the sections that have been pressed into our Three Realms can be eliminated. But the speed of Fa-rectification is extremely fast, rapidly breaking through layer upon layer. Since the cosmic colossal firmament is so gigantic, no matter how rapidly this is done or how much it transcends all times and dimensions, it still requires a process. This is already as fast as it gets, save for blowing things up and reconstructing them, in which case there would be no need for Fa-rectification. So these countless foreign systems formed tens of millions of dimensional segments in the Three Realms, which became different domains of power, thereby hiding many evil beings. Some beings and objects have even been segmented into many layers, almost with particles of each layer segmented into a separate layer. The Three Realms had countless dimensions to begin with. Now tens of millions of countless dimensions like this have been added. This has made the Fa-rectification more difficult and the situation more complicated. Sometimes the evil beings were clearly eliminated when Dafa disciples sent forth righteous thoughts, but then they were found to still exist in some of the segments and were continuing to do bad things. So, this is why some evil beings can be eliminated in one shot when Dafa disciples send forth righteous thoughts, while others can't be eliminated easily in one shot and it even takes many times to eliminate them. This is the case for those chief evil ones in Mainland China. But no matter how difficult it is, you must steadfastly eliminate the evil with righteous thoughts, because while eliminating the evil, Dafa disciples are establishing their magnificent mighty virtue in the Fa-rectification. The effect you've had eliminating the evil with righteous thoughts is truly significant. A great number of evil beings have been eliminated, and some have been partially eliminated. This has knocked

the life out of them, has eradicated the evil in many dimensions not yet reached by the Fa-rectification, and has had the effect of eliminating and frightening the evil persons. Regardless of how complex the dimensions are or how rampant the evil is, these are only appearances before the arrival of the incomparably immense force of Fa-rectification. When the force of Fa-rectification arrives everything will end in an instant.

I have asked disciples to send forth righteous thoughts, because those so-called evil beings are in fact nothing. Yet because the old forces have taken advantage of Dafa disciples' mercy, the evil beings that are protected by the old forces have been deliberately persecuting, so what Dafa disciples are enduring is no longer just their own karma, but something they should not endure under the evil beings' persecution. Yet these evil beings are extremely base and filthy, and are not worthy of playing any role in the Fa-rectification. In order to lessen the persecution of Dafa and Dafa disciples, I have asked disciples to send forth righteous thoughts to clear away the damage these beings deliberately do to the Fa-rectification, thereby lessening what Dafa disciples should not endure during the persecution and, at the same time, saving all sentient beings and consummating Dafa disciples' paradises.

Li Hongzhi

July 16, 2001

On “The Dignity of Dafa”

The ideas in this disciple’s article are excellent. This is how Fa-rectification is different from personal cultivation. Meanwhile, it demonstrates the solid foundation built in the disciple’s personal cultivation. If you are without the Goodness (*Shan*) that a Dafa disciple has, then you are not a cultivator. If a Dafa disciple cannot validate the Fa, then he is not a Dafa disciple. While exposing the evil you are also saving all sentient beings and consummating your own paradises.

Li Hongzhi

July 17, 2001

Note: This is a commentary on the article “The Dignity of Dafa”, which was written by a Dafa disciple and published on July 25, 2001 on the Clearwisdom Website.

Dafa Is All-Encompassing

Human society is also a level created by the Dafa, so within this level there are bound to be standards of existence that the Fa has at this level for sentient beings, as well as principles for human conduct at this level. However, the Three Realms are the reverse of everything in the cosmos, so the Fa's principles have also provided beings at this level with reversed principles suitable for the existence of everyday people, such as conquering the world with military force, the victor governing the country, acquiring food by killing, the strong being heroes, and so on. Along with concepts of a good person, a bad person, war, etc., all of these things have given rise to ordinary humans' principles and human understandings. All of these are wrong when judged by the righteous Fa-principles at high levels in the cosmos. So a cultivator needs to let go of all the notions and principles of everyday people, and only then can he cultivate to a high level and break out of the Three Realms, the reverse of the cosmos. But if everyday people also reverse all these understandings and use the righteous Fa-principles of high levels in the cosmos to set requirements for and evaluate humankind or everything in the Three Realms, then the Three Realms would be governed by the righteous Fa-principles, human society would cease to exist, and the human condition would no longer be there, either; it would be a world of Gods, and, along with this, human illusions and the opportunity for humans to cultivate would disappear. That isn't allowed to happen, because high-level beings' garbage has to drop down, and human society is the garbage dump of the cosmos. For the beings here to exist, there has to be a way of existence for this level, which is also requirements and conditions for existence that Dafa created for the sentient beings here.

In high-level cosmic bodies, Great Enlightened Beings' paradises and lives are born of righteous Fa-principles or are consummated through cultivating with righteous Fa-principles. Everything of theirs conforms to the righteous Fa-principles. An Enlightened Being is also the King of his paradise, but he doesn't rule in the way humans think of ruling—he benevolently takes care of all sentient beings in his paradise with the Zhen-Shan-Ren righteous Fa-principles; whereas humans' conquering the world with military force and the strong being heroes are the principles that the cosmos's Dafa has for this human level. Since the Three Realms is reversed, so too are humans' principles reversed understandings when compared to the righteous Fa-principles of the cosmos. So this kind of violent behavior—"conquering the world with military force; the strong are heroes"—has become righteous human-principles. Because Gods control everything of humankind, and wars, the strong, and victory and defeat are objectives that Gods want to reach, the strong and the heroes are also anointed by Gods as "heroes" and "the strong," and they enjoy human honors, which are also rewards for humans. Only cultivators who cultivate a righteous Fa should break out of these principles. So how should a Dafa cultivator who cultivates in the ordinary human society handle all the specific things he encounters? If Dafa is being cultivated in the ordinary human society, and the number of cultivators is great, they have to maximally conform to the ways of the ordinary human society while cultivating; not doing so would change the ordinary human society. However, even though you've understood from the Fa-principles that I taught you that you should cultivate while maximally conforming to the ordinary human society, when you come across certain specific matters, you still don't have a clear understanding of many things, such as the matter of being a soldier. Soldiers go into combat, and going into combat requires training. What they are trained in are ways to kill people, and in real battles they do kill

people. You need to understand that this is wrong by the righteous Fa-principles, but it's not wrong by everyday people's principles, or else human principles would be righteous Fa-principles. Without suffering, people wouldn't be able to eliminate the karma they have generated among humans. If humans didn't kill, humans would have no meat to eat; and humans need to eat meat. So humans create karma in the process of acquiring food, yet meat-eating is only one way they generate karma. Just by merely living in this world, humans generate karma—it's only a question of how much. But in the human world there are also factors that allow karma to be repaid, such as disease, natural disasters, and war. A person's painful death in war can eliminate karma for that being, it can eliminate sins, and in his next incarnation he won't have karma and will enjoy a good life. An everyday person's kindness isn't manifest in his not generating karma when acquiring food for survival, but rather, it manifests in not keeping count of others' wrongs, not holding grudges, not getting jealous, not deliberately seeking revenge, not killing people, not taking innocent life irrationally, and not harming life intentionally. If someone's acquiring food is merely for survival, he generates karma but is not at fault. And wars are arranged by Gods. But if someone takes an innocent life for some other reason, then neither the cosmos's righteous Fa-principles nor human principles will allow it; with such violations, Gods will use humans to punish those who irrationally take life. If a large being is killed by someone, then that person's sins and karma become enormous, especially when it's a human being who is killed. So when someone has generated such karma he has to pay it off. As for cultivators, when they painfully temper themselves in arduous cultivation, they too are paying off the karma they generated in the past. The sins and karma from the being's mental suffering can be paid for through the difficulty and pain of cultivation. But as for the very real, awful situation the beings are in, their painful enduring, and their material loss after they are killed, the cultivator will have to, in the process of consummating everything of his own, save those beings or repay them with blessings using the fruits of his cultivation. Then from that perspective, the compensation the killed beings receive far exceeds what they would have received among humans. And this has thus settled malevolent predestined relationships with benevolent solutions. On the other hand, if the cultivator cannot achieve Righteous Attainment and doesn't succeed in cultivation, in the future he will have to pay with his own life, via awful retribution, for all the beings he killed. So the first condition is that the cultivator has to be able to reach Consummation. For those who cannot reach Consummation, if they take life while claiming, "I'm releasing them from purgatory," they will be in fact doubly guilty. At present there are Dafa practitioners who are soldiers. Being a soldier is a human profession, too; governments of some countries, notably, require men of age to serve in the military. Because you are cultivating among everyday people, you can, unless you have a special reason, in this situation go along to the maximum extent with what ordinary human society requires of you. There might not necessarily be any wars while you are a soldier. There is no kindness (*shan*) in the battle cries shouted by soldiers during their training, so a Dafa disciple can just think of them as aimed at the evil that persecutes Dafa disciples. If a war really breaks out, Dafa disciples might not necessarily have to go to the front lines, since they have Master looking after them. If you really have gone to the front lines, then perhaps it is like the karmic relationship in which Milerepa's¹⁴ master had him do bad deeds to obtain benevolent results. Of course, I'm discussing Fa-principles here; normally that won't happen. But the Fa is all-powerful, and with everything It is perfectly all-encompassing. And after all, cultivators have

¹⁴ Milerepa—the founder of the White Sect of Tibetan Buddhism.

Master looking after them. Everything you, a cultivator, encounter is related to your cultivation and Consummation, or else those things absolutely would not exist. Doing your job well in the ordinary human society is not only for the sake of cultivation or to display Dafa disciples' goodness among everyday people, but also to safeguard the Fa-principles that Dafa has created for ordinary human society.

A stable job also prevents a cultivator from being held up, due to problems of food and shelter or survival, in his cultivation, in his spreading the Fa without worries, or in his clarifying the truth and saving the world's people. In every one of society's professions a person can cultivate, and in each there are also people with predestined relationships waiting to obtain the Fa.

Li Hongzhi

July 30, 2001

Fa-Rectification Period Dafa Disciples

A Dafa disciple who fails to achieve the effect of safeguarding and upholding Dafa has no way of reaching Consummation, because your cultivation is different from that of the past and the future. Therein lies the magnificence of a Dafa disciple. Since Master has borne for you almost everything in history, during the Fa-rectification period, disciples must not depart until the Fa-rectification is over. So your meeting the standard for your own Consummation during the course of your cultivation becomes an important process. If everything in history were not borne for you, it would be fundamentally impossible for you to do cultivation practice; if everything were not borne for sentient beings in the cosmos, they would disintegrate with the passing of history; if everything were not borne for the people of the world, they would not have the opportunity to still live in this world today. Over the course of prehistory, everything of yours was being created, all along, according to how magnificent the disciples would be in the Fa-rectification period. So, it was arranged that when you reach the standard for ordinary Consummation, you still have, in the human world, all kinds of ordinary human thoughts and karma. The purpose is so that while doing Fa-rectification things you bring in, through your clarifying the truth and for the consummation of your paradises, beings that can be saved. As you consummate your own paradises you are, at the same time, eliminating your last karma, gradually getting rid of your human thoughts, and truly stepping forward from humanness. Most fundamentally, you all still need to establish your great mighty virtue in the process of shattering the old forces' persecution, and return to your highest positions. So this isn't a matter of reaching Consummation in ordinary realms, nor is it achievable in ordinary Consummation. It might seem that you have done what you should do for Dafa, when actually, you are doing it for your comprehensive Consummation and return. If during this period you cannot do well with what you should do, this Consummation stage can only be a cultivation process, and it cannot fundamentally be a Fa-rectification disciple's true and final Consummation. If during the evil's persecution a Dafa disciple doesn't do well or slacks off, it's very possible all his previous efforts will have been for nothing.

Actually, there are a few students who have always been reluctant to do things that are for destroying the evil and clarifying the truth—as if that would be doing something for Master, or as if that would be putting in extra for Dafa. As soon as you heard me say that you had reached the standard for Consummation, you felt like a big burden had been lifted, you slacked off, and didn't want to do anything anymore, instead of taking what Master told you—something so sacred—to be motivation for becoming more diligent. If you are still unclear about what a Fa-rectification disciple is, you won't be able to step forward in the current tribulation, and you will be led by the human world's pursuit of comfort to “enlighten” along an evil path. Master's heart has always been pained by those who have fallen, and the majority were ruined by that pursuit. Did you know that Fa-rectification disciples who aren't able to come through the Fa-rectification period will not have another chance to cultivate, because throughout history you have already been given all the best things? Today you have barely had any hardship in your personal cultivation, and you haven't been asked to bear the enormous sins yourselves that you committed over your many lifetimes. Meanwhile, I have enabled you to raise your levels in the fastest way, kept everything good from your past, replenished things with what's better at every level for you, always given you in cultivation all the most magnificent things of every realm, and have made

it possible for you to return after Consummation to your highest realm's position. These are the things that can be made known to you. There is more, which you can't know about at this time. Dafa disciples are magnificent because you are here at the same time as the period of Master's Fa-rectification and are able to safeguard and uphold Dafa. If what you do is no longer worthy of a Dafa disciple, think about it, if under the greatest mercy since the beginning of Heaven and Earth and under Buddha's infinite grace you still can't do well, how could there be another chance? Cultivation and Fa-rectification are serious. Whether you are able to treasure this period of time is, in fact, a matter of whether you can be responsible to yourselves. This period of time will not last long, but it can forge the mighty virtue of magnificent Enlightened Beings, Buddhas, Daos, and Gods of different levels, and even Lords of different levels. It can also destroy overnight a cultivator who has reached a really high level but who has become less strict with himself. Disciples, be diligent! Everything that's the most magnificent and the most wonderful is developed in the process of your validating Dafa. Your vows will become testaments of your future.

Li Hongzhi

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Also in a Few Words

The article “Good People” doesn’t use a lot of words, but it illustrates an underlying principle. Indestructible righteous faith in the cosmos’s Truth forms benevolent Dafa disciples’ rock-solid, Diamond-Like Bodies, it frightens all evil, and the light of Truth it emanates makes the unrighteous elements in all beings’ thoughts disintegrate. However strong the righteous thoughts are, that’s how great the power is. Dafa disciples are truly stepping forward out of ordinary humanness.

Li Hongzhi

September 8, 2001

Note: This is a commentary on the article “In a Few Words: Good People”, which was written by a Dafa disciple and published on September 8, 2001 on the PureInsight Website.

Path

Studying the Fa and doing cultivation are a person's own affair. Yet often there are quite a number of students who consistently take other people as their role models—they look at how other people do things and then follow suit. This is a kind of poor behavior developed among everyday people. A cultivator has no role models. The path each person is to take is different, because each person's foundation is different, the sizes of their various attachments are different, the characteristics of their beings are different, their jobs among everyday people are different, their family environments are different, and so on. These factors determine that each person's path of cultivation is different, that how they get rid of their attachments is different, and that the sizes of their tests are different. Therefore, amidst the manifestations of things it's very hard to find a path that others have made, and it's even less possible for a person to get a ride down one. If there really were pre-made paths and effortless rides, that definitely would not be cultivation.

Ever since Dafa's introduction, there have been people who have watched others—"whatever others do, that's what I'll do"—instead of using the Fa to measure whether something is right or wrong. When they see that some people's illnesses are cured through cultivating Dafa, they too get enthused; when they see that some people no longer practice, they too waver; when they see that there are a hundred million people cultivating Dafa across the country, they think it must be something good, and follow others to learn it; when they see that the evil has begun to attack, oppress, and persecute Dafa, and that television and radio have crafted lies to frame Dafa, they start to waver and get anxious. Cultivation *is* hard. It's hard in that even when a terrible calamity strikes, even when evil madly persecutes, and even when your life is at stake, you still have to be able to steadfastly continue on your path of cultivation without letting anything in human society interfere with the steps you take on your path of cultivation.

Dafa disciples are now right in the midst of the Fa-rectification period, and the old forces' performance has formed the most fundamental and most severe test of Dafa disciples. Whether the test can be passed is an actualization of Dafa and of whether every Dafa disciple can be responsible to himself. And whether a person can, while breaking and eliminating the evil, step forward to validate Dafa becomes a testament about [letting go of] life and death, becomes confirmation of whether a Fa-rectification disciple can achieve Consummation, and also becomes what differentiates a God from a human. For a Dafa disciple, safeguarding and upholding the Fa is only natural. So at this moment in history, when we truly have a situation in which evil persecutes Dafa, a Dafa disciple will certainly step forward to validate the Fa in response to the persecution. In this situation, when some students see others step forward to validate the Fa, they follow along; when they see that others are not stepping forward, they don't step forward either; when they are beaten or are being "reformed," and see others give in to the evil's pressure and write some so-called "promise to stop practicing cultivation," they also write one, which is the result of not being able to understand things according to the Fa. Can you imagine what it means for a cultivator if this stain isn't washed clean? The current evil persecution has been imposed on Dafa and the disciples by the old forces. Isn't everything that is done to resist the persecution the most magnificent display of Dafa disciples being responsible to Dafa and to themselves? This is not the first time in the course of the degenerating history that evil forces have persecuted cultivators. Isn't this a recurrence of

what Jesus experienced in his day? Didn't Buddha Sakyamuni experience this, too? If there actually are paths that can serve as a reference, then haven't what the previous Enlightened Beings experienced in that regard and today's evil occurred in the same way? Although they differ in their specific manifestations, they all aim to break the will of those who cultivate in a righteous Fa. In the ordinary cultivations in history, those negative beings really did act as a touchstone to determine whether individual cultivators could reach Consummation. If someone turned out to be sand instead of gold, he would definitely be sifted out. But today it is different in that Fa-rectification is taking place in the cosmic bodies and the colossal firmament is being reconstructed. All of the so-called "tests" of Dafa are interfering with the Fa-rectification. Moreover, the aim of all those who participate in the persecution is to damage Dafa. Although everything the old forces did to people's personal cultivation achieved a certain effect in the past, if that approach is used during the Fa-rectification, not only does it fail to meet Dafa's standard, but it also seriously interferes with and disrupts the Fa-rectification. At present, the old forces are to be completely eradicated, regardless of whether the beings participating are positive or negative ones. All the evil beings who are participating in this are being eliminated during the Fa-rectification, no matter how high their levels are. With Fa-rectification it is completely different from ordinary cultivation. Today, when Dafa disciples clarify the truth in response to the evil's persecution, there are some students who are watching what others do. But a person always has to enlighten on his own to what he should do in the face of tribulations. Every time a person improves, the Attainment Status he has validated and enlightened to rises.

The path a Dafa disciple takes is a glorious history, and this history has to be created by his own enlightening.

Li Hongzhi

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To the Clear Harmony Website of Europe

Europe's Clear Harmony Website:

Greetings to all Dafa disciples involved in this website! I would like to say a few words to you on the subject of running the Clear Harmony Website well.

I think that you should, first of all, realize the importance of a Dafa website's effect. This site is created to clarify the truth, to expose the evil's persecution, and to save the world's people. Also, you should realize the effect media has on the general public. It is extremely important in terms of people learning the truth about Dafa, saving the world's people, and exposing the evil; and, its influence is enormous. Therefore, the specific contents of your reports need to have your site's own features, you should report more on the situation in Europe, and along with this, you should carry a few reports and important news from the Clearwisdom Website every day, because that is first-hand information about Dafa disciples in China.

The main body of Dafa disciples is in China. Everything that Dafa disciples in other areas around the world do is, other than consummating everything of their own, exposing the persecution of Dafa and Dafa disciples in China. So from this perspective, Dafa's situation in Mainland China must not go unreported. In particular, you should make focal your reports of deaths that result from the persecution, along with reports about the evil means used in the persecution, and this won't affect your unique feature of having primarily news about Dafa in Europe. Quantity-wise, most of your articles should be about Europe, and then you can round things out with important information from the Clearwisdom Website on Dafa disciples in Mainland China. By doing so, Europe's Clear Harmony Website will not only have its own features, but also important news on the persecution of Dafa, and your local audience and readers will pay attention to it and be able to learn information about the persecution of Dafa disciples in Mainland China on a daily basis.

The above are just a few ideas of mine. If you feel that you have ideas of your own or better plans, I won't object; my only hope is that you can run the Website even better so that it may have the effect of clarifying the truth.

Li Hongzhi

September 25, 2001

To the Second Dafa Conference in Russia

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During the Fa-rectification period our students have all done very well. The Russian students have, notably, under the circumstance in which the people of Russia have been severely influenced by the propaganda from China's evil political group, withstood all kinds of pressure and established a Dafa Association, and have played a huge role in clarifying the truth. All of this is remarkable. I hope that through this Fa conference you will better carry out the work of clarifying the truth, exposing the evil, and saving sentient beings. You should communicate with students in other countries often, encourage each other, and progress together with diligence. Master is awaiting even better news from you.

Li Hongzhi

September 29, 2001

The Chill of Autumn's Winds

The evil ones should think twice about their flagrant savagery,
When Heaven and Earth are bright again, down to the boiling cauldron they go;
Punches and kicks do little to change people's hearts,
Violent winds usher in an autumn with even harsher chill.

Li Hongzhi

October 25, 2001

Foretelling the Fa's Rectification of the Human World

The Fa-rectification moves through the world, the grand manifestation of Gods and Buddhas unfolds, and all of the chaotic world's unrighted wrongs and karmic relationships are settled with benevolent solutions. The ones who do evil against Dafa go down into the gate of no-life. As for all the others, people's hearts return to righteousness and they cherish virtue and do good, all the myriad things are renewed, and every single sentient being reveres Dafa's saving grace. All of the heavens and the earth celebrate together, congratulate each other, and exalt together. Dafa's most glorious period in the human world begins at this moment.

Li Hongzhi

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